

# EASTER

## GOD'S HEART FOR THE LOST

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### "HOW A SOUL-WINNER TALKS ABOUT DEATH"

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**LUKE 13:1-9 (ESV)**, *There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them; do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."*

*And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"*

#### I. WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

**INSIGHT:** There is a bluntness to the gospel:

The gospel goes like this:

- A. Every human being is a sinner.
- B. Every human being possesses a corrupt nature.
- C. All human beings are rebels against God.
- D. All sinners are under divine judgment.
- E. God's sentence on all mankind is condemnation to eternal punishment in hell.

**First Affirmation of the Gospel:** We're all sinners, we're all under divine judgment, and we can do nothing to change that on our own.

**QUESTION #1:** How do you know you are a sinner?

**ANSWER:** Everyone dies!

**INSIGHT:** If you say you're not a sinner, you have to explain your aging body and approaching death.

**Second Affirmation of the Gospel:** God loves the world and offers forgiveness and salvation.

**QUESTION #2:** Is there anything that can be done about your condition? Yes!

God provides deliverance from:

- 1) The power of sin

- 2) Judgment
- 3) Death in hell

**QUESTION:** How do we know that the Good News is true?

**ANSWER:** The Bible gives us proof of it!

**QUESTION:** How can I be sure that Christ is able to save anyone?

**ANSWER:** The proof is that He died on Friday and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday morning!

**TRUTH:** Jesus Christ died in the place of all who would believe.

**INSIGHT:** You are a Christian because you believe that. All true Christians understand and embrace and believe these truths of scripture; that's why they are Christians.

## II. EVERYONE DIES; THEY JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN.

**INSIGHT:** We live in a world where people die every day and often in mass numbers, but it's also a world filled with people seeking to get out of life all that they can.

**QUESTIONS:** Why does God allow the sinner to live? Why does God extend grace? Why does the rain fall on the just and unjust? Why do good things happen to bad, ungodly, immoral people?

**ANSWER:** Because the real punishment for sin comes after death!

**TRUTH:** Calamity happens to good and bad people.

**INSIGHT:** Bad things don't just happen to immoral, ungodly people. The fact that millions are living till they are old and gray doesn't mean they are good and are ready to stand before a Holy God.

**TRUTH:** The real calamity is that you die and face the judgment of God without the blood of Christ to protect you.

**THE LESSON OF TODAY:** People everywhere are all gonna die. They'd better be ready because they're not in control of when.

**CHILD OF GOD:** You have the truth that rescues dying people. Beloved, you are the most important people on the planet. Judgment is near and you know how to help people be ready!